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President's Message:

As the Holidays approach we will soon be ringing in the New Year and out with the old. My term as President will soon be over. I want to thank all of you for your continued support. I couldn't have done it without you. The experience has been very rewarding and I learned a great deal this year. I admire and respect all of you who have held an office for several years. As Past President in 2009 I will be contacting members to run for office and I would like each one of you to consider becoming more active in our regional. Attend a Board Meeting or volunteer on a committee the experience will make the transition for running for an office much easier. I would like to congratulate Mary Ellen Barrett our 2009 President who comes with several years of experience. She will be replacing Brenda Hayes who had to resign due to a family illness. Our thoughts and prayers are with

Brenda and her family at this trying time. Just a reminder to apply for the National Scholarship on line for the meeting in St. Louis in May 2009. The deadline is January 31, 2009. Hope you all have a Happy and Healthy New Year. Suzanne Gursky RN, CGRN.

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Membership: 119
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SPRING EDUCATIONAL MEETING

SPRING INTO GI NURSING

MARCH 28, 2009
GIDEON PUTNAM RESORT
518-584-3000
\$129/PER NIGHT.
www.gideonputnam.com/

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Editor's Note:

Many items to mention to you at this time. Check out the **bold** print.

1. **Renew your membership.**
The information, networking and friendships are well worth the money.
2. **VOTE** for SGNA candidates now. Sgna.org
3. **VOTE** for Certification Board candidates in February. Abcgn.org
4. **Your scholarship application is online.**
. **Do not miss the deadline, Jan. 31, 2009.**

Make sure that you check the CNYSGNA website: **cnysgna.org**

5. There is a **free** education unit for all Central NY members on Esophageal Cancer. 1.6 contact hours.
6. There is computerized testing for Certification. It is offered May and October, with a 30 day window to take the exam. Link to ABCGN.org from our site. It is offered on Community College campuses. Or call 800-245-7462, option 3.
7. Recertification requirements have changed. Check out the site. You are only required to have 40 GI specific lecture contact hours. Two new Categories have been added: Poster Items and Involvement with local Regional.

Virginia Parkhurst and Kathryn Miller headed the Recertification Committee to get you these improvements.

Get involved!!! Central NY is looking for interested nurses.
8. Please remember to **VOTE**. Outstanding Regional is partly determined by the highest number of votes.
9. Check out your new Board members on the last page. Online voting was a success.
10. Next newsletter will be online at our website. Fill out online form on our website. Very easy to do. **WE NEED YOUR E-MAIL ADDRESS.** Cnysgna.org
11. We **need** a Fall Conference Chairman. Contact Terry Markiewicz, 518-399-0703.
12. Try SedationFacts.org

Free online resource.

Barbara Schwant, BSN, RN,
CGRN

The **Spring 2009 SGNA conference** is just around the corner! Mark your calendar for Saturday, March 28, and plan on being in beautiful Saratoga Springs at the historic Gideon Putnam Resort! The meeting is titled 'Spring into GI Nursing.' Reservations can be made at (518)584-3000. Rooms are \$129/night. A Friday evening program will also be available. Brochures will be coming out later in winter. See you in Saratoga! For questions contact Terry Markiewicz (518)399-0703 feedkramer@aol.com <http://gideonputnam.com/>

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DATES:

March 19, 2009 Certified Nurses Day

March 25, 2009 GI Nurses and Associates Day

March 28, 2009 Spring Education Conference, Saratoga Springs, NY.

May 15-20, 2009 36th Annual SGNA Course. St. Louis, Missouri

SGNA: Your Gateway to Opportunity.

Check out Central NY's website: www.cnysgna.org *****

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2.0 free contact hours on C. diff
<http://www.rmei.com/CDI010/>

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Topics for Spring Conference:

- Friday night talk by Steris.
- Bariatrics in GI
- HNPCC Hereditary Non-polypoid Colo-rectal Cancer
- GERD
- ASGE Standards for GI Units
- ERCP Update
- Women and Colitis

information to their individual situations. SGNA accepts no responsibility for specific applications of this information."

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